



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 July 2018

Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 10 July 2018 and its annex, from H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana, Facilitator of the informal consultations with Member States on the General Assembly draft decision on scheduling the dates of High-level meetings in the beginning of the 74th session of the Assembly.

In this regard, I am honored to share the final draft of the decision as agreed by Member States on scheduling the High-level meetings of the General Assembly in September 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the Facilitator, H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations, for ably leading the consultations and to all parties for their constructive engagement.

The draft decision on scheduling the High-level meetings of the General Assembly in September 2019 will be brought to the General Assembly for action once its programme budget implications have been reviewed in accordance with rule 153 of Rules of Procedure.

As the next session of the Fifth Committee will take place during the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, I attach herewith a draft decision of the General Assembly to transmit the agreed text of the draft decision on High-level meetings in September 2019 to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly for action. The plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider the aforementioned draft decision will be announced in the *UN journal* in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Lajčák", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

10th July, 2018

Excellency,

I am pleased to write to you in my capacity as facilitator of the informal consultations on the General Assembly draft decision on scheduling the dates for the High-level Meetings to be held at the beginning of the 74th Session of the Assembly.

As mandated, I conducted an open and transparent consultative process with Member States and following five rounds of informal consultations, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, the attached agreed text of the draft decision on High-level Meetings of the General-Assembly in September 2019. It is my hope that the draft decision as agreed by Member States can be taken through the next steps towards adoption by the General Assembly.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my profound appreciation to you for this opportunity and to all delegations for their constructive engagement and active participation in the process. The assistance and support of the Secretariat, in particular the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and the Department for Economic and Social Affairs is also most appreciated.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**MARTHA A.A. POBEE (MRS.)
AMBASSADOR AND
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**H.E. Miroslav Lajčák
President of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly**



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Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

High-level meetings of the General Assembly in September 2019

The General Assembly,

Decides to transmit the draft decision contained in the annex to the present decision to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session for action.

Annex

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

High-level meetings of the General Assembly in September 2019

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013, 69/313 of 27 July 2015, 70/1 of 25 September 2015, 70/299 of 29 July 2016, 71/225 of 21 December 2016, 72/139 of 12 December 2017 and 72/251 of 24 December 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, and 71/323 of 8 September 2017,

1. *Decides* that the general debate of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 24 September to Saturday, 28 September, and on Monday, 30 September 2019.
2. *Also decides* to hold the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly on Monday, 23 September, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and to hold the High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly on Tuesday, 24 September, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, 25 September, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;¹
3. *Further decides* to hold the high-level meeting on universal health coverage on Thursday, 26 September, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 72/139 of 12 December 2017, and also to hold on the same day, the high-level meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 72/251;²
4. *Also decides* to hold the High-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of Small Island Developing States through the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway on Friday, 27 September, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in accordance with resolution 71/225;
5. *Also decides* that each high-level meeting will not have any parallel meetings.

¹] This is on the presumption that the SG will agree to start his Summit that day at 9:00 a.m., to enable him and PGA to attend both the Summit and the opening of FFD.

²] The thinking is that it will be preferable to have 2 parallel informal meetings than parallel formal meetings.

DRAFT DECISION

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